Army Concentration Proposed to Increase Its Efficiency Plan Advanced For Creating

System of Maintaining enacted almost immediately American Called Unnecessary and

Citizen Reserve Favored Reforms Would Reduce Provide Better Education exports.

To the Editor of The Tribune. its acceptance by the country and exports alternative?

is the alternative?
Some fundamental facts ought to be emphasized. We are a nation in all essentials, and national defense ought therefore to be really national and free from any possibility of state interference or inefficiency. Any questions arising ought to be decided in the light of common sense and past experience, but by sentiment or local

The regular army must supply the commanders and much of the trained personnel. In the Civil War we experimented a great deal with civilians and militiamen, but at the end of the and militiamen, but at the end of the war, North and South, with few exceptions the great commanders were graduates of West Point. If there has been considerable hostility shown toward the regular army in recent months, reasonable questions would be: "Where else could we find officers capable of meeting the responsibilities of modern warfare? Were its deficiencies not largely the result of That Poople Have Williams." deficiencies not largely the result of public indufference, political interfer-ence, or other conditions for which Congress and the country at large are to blame? Would the remedy not

themselves in the recent war the numerical designations of the unit and designations of the unit and designations of the unit and the sponsibility in national desense and where designed take over as Federal property all armories or other military property which they may not care to retain. The states can then organize their own local military or preferably constabulary, for the maintenance of demants order.

Hourth—Recognize the principle of

war, or when Congress decides such action necessary for public safety.

W. A. R.

Ability in Last Analysis To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Heaven knows this country is beset with enough real problems with-

Sir. Heaven knows this country is best with enough real problems with the Really Great Need of the Republic

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir. When all has been said in regard to the political situation, the fact remains that the individual office has been been supplied in the following time.

A worthless spellbinder can satiate heavers with promises. A capable administrator can quiestly and effectively handle the questions that come before him or her. It doesn't much matter what a person believes if he or she is without the necessary ability to meet the demands of the position to which elected. Primary emphasis should be put on the individual and not on protestations of belief.

Let us seek out competent and qualified candidates instead of complacently voting for whoever thrusts himself into the limelight, and then critically the Administration during the entire time until we repeat the performance. And, above all, let us intake the practice of retaining intoffice those who are satisfactorily performing the fact only competent candidates is the one that deserves to, and will, continue in power.

Conditions of the

Sir. Heaven knows this country is beest with enough real problems with enough real problems with enough real problems with enough real problems with an agine new ones!

Some seventy or eighty of your readers have expended good energy in thinking up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter.'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a matter of fact, no up planks on the issue of 'the woman voter,'' when, as a

Conditions of the Platform Contest

The Tribune invites you to write planks for a Republican platform and to write letters about planks proposed by other readers through

For the best planks and letters The Tribune offers these prizes: For the best plank ...

For the second best plank, 250.00 For each of the eight next best planks. For the best letter a daily

prize of 10.00 For the best letter in the whole competition 100.00 The Tribune will make up a plat-

form of ten planks to be determined by your votes. The ten issues recsiving the most votes will be the planks. The ten planks that best express the chosen issues will be selected for the prize awards. Each plank is limited to 100 words

Of two planks or letters of equal merit the shorter will be chosen. Every plank and letter must bear the name and address of the sender,

aithough a nom de plume will bepublished if the writer desires. The contest will close at midnight, April 20, 1920. Manuscripts will not

be returned The judges of the contest will be aree of The Tribune's editors. They

To-Day's Prize Letter

Sir: One of the first acts of the Large Units first Congress was a law designed to protect and upbuild the shipping is rendered inoperative by treaties, industry. Under that law and others Isolated Army Posts shipping reached a dominating position in the world. Our flag was carried to every port. Instead of a Blow at Competency paying tribute to foreign ship owners and leaving the nation helpless in 1825 American ships carried 95 per cent of all imports into the Overhead Expense and United States and 89 per cent of all

At about this time another national policy was adopted under and exports were carried in Amer-

When we began seriously to pre-

In U. S. Demanded

Woman Suffrage Taken

Idea That Problem Exists in

Enfranchising Females Put

Up to Ridicule

Defends Budget System

Calls It Imperative Need in Pro-

moting Economy

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: One of the greatest planks the Republican party can adopt is that of favoring the establishment of the budget system. We have gone along without a budget system only because our growth in wealth through the development of our vast resources supplied such enormous income that the cost of government attracted little public attention. The need of economy presses upon us the necessity of a bud-

presses upon us the necessity of a budget, and the important thing is that we get the right kind of a system to

In my opinion, the preparation of the

In my opinion, the preparation of the budget should be placed in the hands of the Sefretary of the Treasury. The consideration of the budget in Congress should be in the hands of a joint committee.

JACOB FEIT.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Aside from planks, the prize letter to day in one of its paragraphs seems to prove that "money" is not in every case "the root of all evil" when it states that a well paid Ambasandor from America may be able to prevent a war which would cost millions of lives.

Somehow this remedial suggestion does not in the least relieve the im-

Demanded in America

Great Army of Peace

As Matter of Course

which American shipping prospered the results of which give all the advantage of the so-called reciprocal

arrangements to our foreign rivals. For many years there has arisen periodically a wail of protest over the decadence of our shipping. The time has come for a decision. For we have created a fleet and recreated a shipbuilding industry.

and foreign shipbuilding and ship operation, and secure for the United States equality of opportunity in the world's shipping.

DANIEL T. PIERCE.

the power of the people to create a

Literary Board Urged Wants the Word "Obscene" De-

fined by Commission

to Safeguard Country appointed by the President, the pre-rogative of defining what is obscene or of detrimental influence in our arts Sir: Law commands what is right and letters. and forbids what is wrong, and we give This matter, which ranks in im-

Party Facing 'Handpicked'

will consistently respect the instructions given to them and will go to Chicago to put them into effect both as to
framing the platform and in the naming of the candidates. What more than
anything else weakened our party in
1912 was the total disregard of the
popular primary results so decidedly
expressed throughout the country and
in 1916 the failure to get some such
popular expression.

Let us not make a mistake in this

Respect Will of People
Expressed in Election of Delegates, Admonition Given for Convention

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: As the preconvention progresses we hear on all sides more or less take for "an open convention" It is urreed that the delegates should go to Chicago "urpledged" in any way and that after the convention has been or-scanized there should be mutual conferences. Finally fifteen or twenty men it is understood, in some "upper room" will determine who the candidate shall be.

This argument is largely put forth by those who belong to the old "stand pat" school of the Republican party largely reminiscent of the men who precipitated the debacle at the convention of 1912. These men have failed to appreciate and learn the lessons of 1912 and 1916 and apparently bent on preparing the Republican stage in 1920 for a repetition of the failure of the last two preceding Presidential contests.

The direct primary has come to stay, Men who are chosen in these primaries.

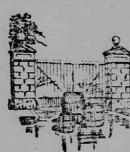
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where it would be identified with certain parts of the country where its officers could acquire training in hundling large units, where competition would encourage the able and show up the incompetent and lazy. This would, furthermore, reduce overhead expense and give better opportunities for education and other bonefits for education and other press, greater publicity, open covenants openly arrived at and diplomacy that is a sopenly arrived at and diplomacy that we see in the spirit of our free bone for education and bere it adds much that we see in the spirit of our free should be made a matter of national interest. Our assemblies, our councils, our conventions, all are adame with our burning desires to reform, to hold fast to that which is good and to set our amount of our history, and from the tenders to define the present of the work of our history and diplomacy that is a spirit of our free should be made a matter of national interest and impo The Beer Keg At the White House Gates

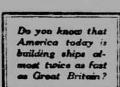


THERE it stands flank to flank with the wine cask and the whiskey barrel—and the Eighteenth Amendment.

"Who goes there!-friend or foe?"-they challenge every candidate whose hopes and aspirations lead within the White House gates.

What the people of the United States shall and shall not drink promises to be a bigger issue than the Peace Treaty in the presidential campaign of 1920. Current Opinion for April has assembled the most interesting and important comment of the country on the wet and dry fight. How do you stand?

Can Two Play at Ruling the Waves?



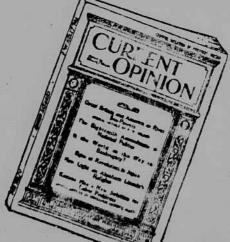
"It just isn't done," John Bull says. But there's a fresh day breaking over the deep sea trade routes of the world. American merchant tonnage is displacing lots of green water here and there about the globe. And the pneumatic riveter sings a song of more ships, speedier ships, bigger ships.

It's got them worried over in England. Mr. P. W. Wilson, former M. P. and now of the London Daily News, tells the story of this new rivalry in April Current Opinion. Very much worth reading.

The World Skids Toward Bankruptcy

In 1914 the paper currency of the thirty principal countries of the world aggregated a little over seven billions of dollars. In November, 1918, it aggregated about forty billions. One year later it was fifty-one billions exclusive of thirty-four billions more issued by the Bolsheviki. And the national debts have increased at the same rate. It looks like involuntary world-wide bankruptcy. The light and dark sides of the question are set forth in a startling way in Current Opinion for April

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The best things, the most interesting, important and timely things are collected from a thousand publications onth and put before you in convenient reading form in Current Opinion.

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And a dozen other worth while articles. Ger Current

'Phone-Longacre 500.

Some Suggested Planks

Among the mass of suggestions for planks in the Republican platform are the following:

Limit Size of Army

We believe the potential military strength of the United States is practically unlimited. What we were able to do in the World War with citizen soldiers was a revelation and conclusively proves that we do not need a large standing army. We shall, therefore, approve of only so much of an army as will be a nucleus around which our citizens may gather in time of need.—Fred N. Parks, Norwich, N. Y.

Define Americanization

We demand the Americanization of all those within our borders who are being sheltered by our American in-

stitutions, and believe that a great national need to-day is an adequate definition of Americanism.—O. W.

Frey, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Conserve Our Water Power Conserve Our Water Power

Development of the water power resources of the country presses for the formation of a sound business policy for this accomplishment. Conservation by utilization of the vast resources, now lost to productivity because running to waste, demands their economic use. We favor a constructive program that will coordinate every phase of the potentialities of latent rainfalls, to the end that we may have industries diversified territorially and population dif-

fused in the interest of homogeneous national growth and as a mighty-Americanization instrumentality.— Edward Terrill, 166 Nassau Street, New York City.

Winter Capital Proposed

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California is one of the glories of our nation. California belongs to all the people. Its climate is the best in the world. We owe it to our President to give him the most healthful environment. We should have duplicates of all public records, and our nation is great enough to have two capitals, a summer capital at Washington and a winter capital in California.—C. M. Sain, Logandale, Nev.

Rule of Laws, Not Men

The Republican party believes in a government of laws and not of men. The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and not a mere scrap of paper to be disregarded at will.—Fred B. Hart, Oakland, Calif.

WANAMAKER WEEK

Thursday's Special Merchandise Features



First Important Sale of the Season of

Frocks for Miss 14-to-20

at \$39

Our \$59.50 to \$69.50 grades

at \$79

Our \$98.50 to \$175 grades

It is an interesting circumstance that two of the special purchases in this sale are from two dressmakers whose frocks we consider the most typically Parisian of any in New York. The one man specializes simple, moderate priced frocks; the other makes dresses that rival custom-made frocks in quality as well as in style.

To the group at \$79, we have added 50 dresses that were \$98 to \$150 in our own Salon.

One of the unusual features of this Sale

is that there are a number of charming Georgette Crepe frocks in pastel and bright colors for mid-summer wear. As in many instances there is but one frock of a model we shall simply enumerate the

kinds of material. At \$39-Day and evening frocks of satin, chiffon, foulard, taffeta, tricolette and

printed Georgette crepe At \$79-Day, afternoon and evening frocks of crepe de chine, crepe meteor, taffeta, tricolette, Georgette crepe and chiffon.

Every silhouette endorsed by Paris is included in this Sale. Sale will be held in the Young Women's Salon. Second floor, Old Building, 10th St.

8117 pr. Women's Gloves -astonishing prices

The very gloves that are scarcest and most in demand right now

When French kidskin gloves are offered at \$1.85; Biarritz gloves at \$2.85; and long white French gloves at \$3.65 to \$6.85, little more need be said except that the skins are all first quality, the sizes in full assortment, and the shades just what are wanted for Spring.

It's a sale that has not been equalled since the great rise in prices, and not likely to be duplicated. Because of the remarkable values offered we reserve the right to limit he quantity sold to each customer.



French kidskin and lambskin and duplex washable gloves

2,400 pairs French kidskin gloves in white, and white with black embroidery\$3 grade 1,250 pairs French lambskin gloves in glace over-seam, in gray,

an, brown.....\$2.50 grade 857 pairs Duplex washable gauntlets in white, gray, fawn and tan..... \$2.50 to \$3 grades

Biarritz Lambskin Gloves

1,938 pairs Italian 6-button gloves in white, black with white; tan, brown, gray......\$3.50 and \$4 grade

Long White Gloves of French lambskin

1,672 pairs in four lengths and all sizes. French glace lambskin, with round pearl buttons at wrist; for evening and street wear..... \$5 to \$9 grades

\$5.85

12-button 16-button 20-button Main aisle, Main floor, Old Building, with enough salespeople, we hope—to give quick service,

Somehow this remedial suggestion does not in the least relieve the impression of the present insecurity of life created by the sudden call to war of utizens whose minds had been traiged in the line of construction instead of destruction. War is a diagrace to a world that knows better. The inability to exterminate the same chames all atther efforts of achievement, for this conspicuous black not is always present. It is within \$4.65 \$3.65 WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR For Local Newsstands will have their decisions on sound 8-button thinking and brevity, clearness and INTERBOROUGH NEWS CO., 406 W. 45TH ST. strongth of statement.

Sir: Sensible people agree that we which we virtually invited the world re going to need an army for many to get the best of us on the seas. rears to come. Many have advocated. The result was that in 1914 only 9 must be admitted that the chances are

pare for the winning of the war, we found that we must build a fleet spent to accomplish this. We now have a fleet, but it cannot be maintained on the seas without the abexperience, not by sentiment or local rogation of treaties which place us

Strict Adherence

The World War having proved again the vital necessity for an American merchant marine, the Republican party advocates the enactment of legislation that will secure the maintenance of our flag upon the seas. To make it possible profitably to operate American ships now affoat and preserve our shipbuilding industry at its present high capacity, treaties which place the United States at a disadvantions must be abrogated, and laws ference between the cost of American

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great army of peace and live with Christ as its head and leader. MARY LODGE.

Representatives Warned That People Have Will To the Editor of The Tribune. Which Must Be Obeyed Sir: There should be vested in Federal commission of literary men.

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